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Signature: Eilcen T Mathews

Date : February 22, 2008

Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131

Sir:

I the named co-inventor hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a named co-inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention as above mentioned. This application was filed on December 20, 2001. This application is a divisional of application serial no. 09/520,653, filed on March 7, 2000, which is a divisional of 09/038,054, filed on March 11, 1998, which claim the benefit of the earlier filing date of provisional patent application 60/045,072 filed on April 29, 1997. I have reviewed the subject matter of provisional application 60/045,072 and can attest that the subject matter of the Applicants' independent claims are supported by the application. As such, the pending application serial no. 10/027,160 has an earliest effective filing date of April 29, 1997.

2. In the Office Action dated August 22, 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected claims 79-81, 83-87 and 89 under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Flynn et al., US Patent No. 5,962,390, filed on May 17, 1996 and issued on October 5, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/573,416 filed on December 15, 1995, and which claims the benefit of application no. 08/375,812, filed on January 20, 1995, now abandoned, (hereinafter "Flynn et al."), and in view of each of the secondary references, Smith, et al. (US 5,238,587), Mizutani, et al. (US 4,102,824) and Broze, et al. (US 4,786,431).

3. Claims 79-81, 83-88 and 89 of Application Serial No. 10/027,160 which have a priority date of April 29, 1997 are not obvious over Flynn et al., in view of the secondary references.

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4. Per applicable U.S. patent law, Flynn et al. 5,962,390 has an effective 102(e) date of May 17, 1996 (the filing date).

5. This written document is a declaration of prior invention to overcome the cited patent of Flynn et al. 5,962,390. I, an Inventor of the subject matter of the rejected claims, hereby submit this declaration to overcome this reference. I performed certain acts described below.

I. Showing of Facts Through Document Evidence

6. Below are facts that show a conception of the invention on or before the May 17, 1996 filing date of Flynn et al. 5,962,390 coupled with due diligence from such conception to a subsequent actual reduction to practice or to the provisional application filing date of 29 April 1997.

7. Exhibit A and Exhibit B were previously submitted in a Declaration I executed on April 26, 2007 and filed on May 29, 2007 along with a Response to Office Action dated January 26, 2007. Exhibits C, D, E, F, and G are submitted herewith and were created to summarize a brainstorming session prior to May 17, 1996. Exhibit H is evidence of the Exhibits stored in the "Whirlpool Information Network" showing the dates these documents were inputted into the network. Exhibit I is also submitted herewith and is a report dated August 15, 1996 of a laboratory study for research which was initiated prior to May 17, 1996.

8. Exhibit H shows the digitized records saved on the Whirlpool Information Network. The information is controlled digitized evidence which is password protected for read-only access. The "Date Composed" is the dates the specific documents were saved in the network following the brainstorming session. Exhibit H shows that the dates Exhibits C, D, E, F and G were saved to the network were on March 1, 1996, March 7, 1996 and May 6, 1996 and prior to May 17, 1996.

9. Exhibit I is a Report 517720-005 entitled "Detergent Properties of Hydrocarbons, Fluorocarbons and Microemulsions" of a study which determined the detergent properties of various compounds such as alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters, fluorocarbons, ketones, and terpenes. The report of Exhibit I discusses the background concerns of dry cleaning compounds that were traditionally used as well as the test set-up, fabric washing methods and results. Several fabric types were laundered in a simulated washing machine, a tergotometer and tested for reactivity with the various fabrics.

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A. Facts establishing conception

10. In general, the facts of Exhibits C, D, E, F, G, H and I are hereby incorporated by reference. Moreover, I present the following facts to establish a conception of the invention before the May 17, 1996 Flynn et al. filing date.

(i) Conception

11. The basic inventive concept of the application is the fluid composition used in non-aqueous laundering.

12. The USPTO presents Flynn et al. as teaching a variety of solvents suitable for dry cleaning applications which also meets the properties required of Applicants' working fluid. However, as explained in the contemporaneously filed Response to Final Office Action dated August 22, 2007, Flynn et al. do not disclose a wash liquor for laundering a fabric load in an automatic laundering apparatus. Flynn et al. is directed to cleaning substrates, primarily metal and does not teach wash liquor compositions for cleaning fabric loads. Flynn et al. do not disclose a bulk fluid that is inert and having the properties as claimed in combination with additives such as fragrances.

13. The details of previously submitted Exhibit A and contemporaneously submitted Exhibits C, D, E, F, G and H support conception of the claimed invention and show "Project Hope" encompasses non-aqueous working fluid chemistries. Thus, the scope of this declaration is commensurate with the scope of the claimed subject matter.

14. Particularly, Exhibit C shows the Domain of Fabric Laundering through discussion ideas concerning bulk fluid "Chemistry", "Machine Characteristics and Structure" and "Cycles/Processes". The Venn Diagram shows that Project Hope was concerned with researching non-reactive, inert bulk fluids which included fluoroinerts, FI, and yet possessed properties were outside the domain or "space" of the traditional bulk fluids, namely, water, perc, and carbon dioxide which were "reactive" bulk cleaning fluids possessing relatively high Kauri-Butanol values for cleaning ability. We conceived a wash liquor for cleaning a load of fabric in an automatic laundering apparatus, for example a home laundering unit, and that such cleaning can be accomplished through mechanical cleaning where the "bulk" of the wash liquor is inert and substantially less portion of the wash liquor is additives. We conceived and determined that it would not be required that bulk dry-cleaning fluids of the wash liquor possess the reactive properties of chemicals known to be used in dry cleaning at that time. Fluoroinerts have a Kauri-Butanol value less than 30 and are relatively non-reactive to known bulk fluids of dry-cleaning wash liquors. The perc compounds replaced earlier low flash point hydrocarbons for non-aqueous dry-cleaning and this is well documented in dry-cleaning literature. Although some of the hydrocarbon compounds were considered "non-reactive" and having relatively low KB values, these "oleophilic" compounds which were already replaced by perc we conceived of "non-oleophilic" compounds. Therefore the desired "non-aqueous", "apolar" bulk dry-cleaning fluids were to be inert or "non-reactive" to several fabrics and also compatible with additives such as oxygen bleach, detergents which include fragrance, co-solvents, enzymes, etc. Such bulk fluid chemistries were considered in conjunction with in-home washing machine equipment and

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various wash cycles and processes as indicated by the topic headings of Exhibit C and which were discussed in the brainstorming session of Project Hope.

15. Exhibit D lists the characteristics of fluoroinerts which were relevant in developing testing protocol.

16. Exhibit E lists the potential property characteristics (i.e. "FuFu") of the desired "non-aqueous", "non-reactive", "non-oleophilic" and "apolar" working fluids for use in a laundering method in an automatic laundering apparatus. Exhibit F shows that the desired inert working fluid is defined as "does no cleaning" and "fabric stability" which was outside the scope of the known compounds for wash liquors which cleaned fabric loads at the time.

17. The previously filed Exhibits A and B pertaining to Project Hope also illustrates desired characteristics of the inert working fluid chemistries and the various characteristics of an exemplary non-aqueous working fluid and that hundreds of compounds were selected for further testing and that several were currently being bench tested. Exhibit B listed some of the testing protocols.

18. Exhibit G is a table of several compounds which were evaluated. Exhibit H shows the document of Exhibit G is entitled "Updated Non-Aqueous Matrix" which was composed (i.e. entered into the network) on May 6, 1996.

(ii) Effective date of Flynn et al.

19. As indicated on the face of the Flynn et al. patent, issued on October 5, 1999, and has a section 102(c) date (filing date) of May 17, 1996. Accordingly, the date to overcome is May 17, 1996.

(iii) On or before the effective date of Flynn et al.

20. I allege that the acts relied upon to establish the date on or before May 17, 1996. The testing and the exhibits attached were generated prior to the effective date of Flynn et al.

B. Facts establishing reduction to practice

21. In general, the facts of Exhibits C, D, E, F and G are hereby incorporated by reference. Moreover, I present the following facts to establish a reduction to practice.

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(i) Actual reduction to practice

22. After conception of the invention on or before May 17, 1996, I tested or had the invention tested to establish its capacity to successfully perform its intended purpose. Previously filed Exhibit B represents an invention testing protocol/assessment that discusses the experiments that would be run during a period starting before May 17, 1996 and into later parts of 1996. Contemporaneously submitted Exhibit I explain the background, testing methods and results of several non-aqueous inert fluids which could be used for laundering fabrics in an automatic laundering apparatus.

23. Previously filed Exhibit A and contemporaneously filed Exhibits C, D, E, F, G and H show information generated and dated prior to May 17, 1996 that show the many chemicals that were currently used in the industry and which were not subject of the desired compounds of the invention, and also, that of the many chemicals that exhibited some of the desired characteristics, several were chosen as candidates. Several candidates were benchtop tested.

(ii) Constructive reduction to practice

24. I allege that the present application for a U.S. patent recites independent claims of the same invention disclosed in the provisional application filed on April 29, 1997.

25. Therefore, constructive reduction to practice was achieved on April 29, 1997.

C. Facts establishing reasonable diligence

26. I present the following facts to establish that there was reasonable diligence from before the May 17, 1996 effective date of Flynn et al. to the actual reduction to practice of the invention or alternatively to the provisional filing date.

27. As noted above, conception occurred on or before the May 17, 1996 filing date of Flynn et al. Moreover, actual reduction to practice occurred on or before April 29, 1997. I assert that there was reasonable diligence from conception to reduction to practice, either actual or constructive. Exhibits C, D, E, F and G indicate that several inert working fluids were outside the scope of known reactive dry-cleaning fluids, and that such inert non-aqueous, non-reactive, non-oleophilic, and apolar working fluids were selected as having desirable characteristics and these chemicals were submitted for further bench testing. The characteristics were counter-intuitive of the characteristics of known dry-cleaning wash liquors used on fabric loads in an automated laundering apparatus. As Exhibits C, D, E, F, G, H and I show, I was cognizant of the need to pursue patent applications to protect the invention. The inventors timely filed a provisional patent application on April 29, 1997. The selection of chemicals, the experiments, conducted throughout 1996 and the actual filing of a patent application indicate a reasonable diligence period from on or before the Flynn et al. filing date.

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28. Alternatively, the time period taken for the completion of the application constitutes reasonable diligence. During this time period, I and/or our representative worked reasonably hard and expeditiously to prepare, execute and file a patent application in the United States Patent Office. Accordingly, there was reasonable diligence from on or before the Flynn et al. filing date to the filing of the application of the present invention.

II. Allegations and other Statements

29. I allege that the acts relied upon to establish the date on or before Flynn et al. were carried out in the United States.

III. Signature and Declaration in Lieu of Oath Under 37 CFR 1.68

30. I hereby declare that the statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing thereon.


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Feb. 22, 2008
Date

EXHIBIT CChemistry

Alternative to FI

Additives

- Oxygen bleach
- Detergents (non-traditional surfactants)
- Enzymes
- Brighteners
- Co-solvents
- 2 Phase cleaning

Solutions -

Cq FI and CO

FI and H₂OMachine Characteristics, Structures

- Recovery
- Ventilation
- Containment
- Mechanical Input
- Dispensing
- Thermal Input
- Geometry of Fabric (hanging, batch vs. continuous drying in bag)
- Footprint

Cycles/Process

- Water followed by FI
- Mist
- Emulsion Wash
- Dry Cycle

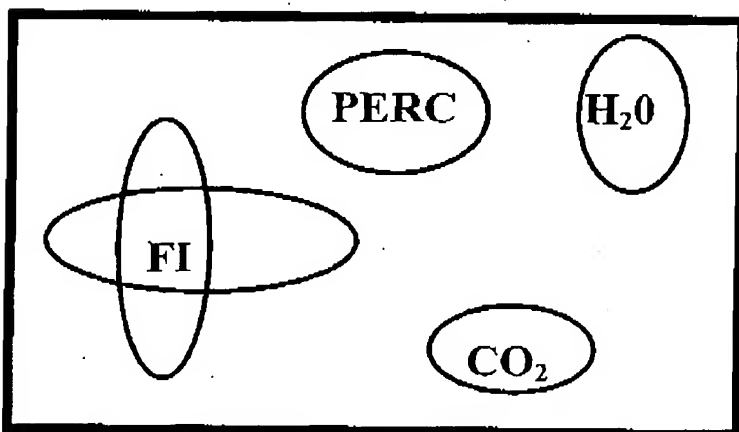


EXHIBIT DCharacteristics


KNOWN	UNKNOWN
FI not available at commercial prices	Fiber damage unknown
Displacement of H ₂ O	Dye transfer unknown -
Low vapor pressure - need to avoid leaks	Quality of "grade" needed unknown
Osmotic gradients	Variability of molecule size effects drying rate, surface tension rate, surface tension
Low viscosity speeds penetration of fabric	Dielectric characteristics might reduce static or also allow control charge density of contaminants or can the charge surfactants
Broad range of FI's available	Unknown FI reactivity with additives
Cavitation in pumps	Solvency of particular soils unknown
FI is considered environmentally safe, non-toxic.	FI non-polar might limit shrinkage of wool
pH neutral	Sanitization effect unknown
FI's have a wide range of vapor pressures - allows flexibility of heating characteristics	
FI absorbs oxygen so may facilitate oxy bleaches.	
Sensors for leaks exists.	
FI is easily recyclable and disposable (except reactivity unknown)	

EXHIBIT EPotential FuFu Charectoristics

- Low surface tension less than 1/2 of H₂O with detergent (15 dynes /cm²) at STP (or at operating condition)
- Viscosity < H₂O [1 N/M]
- Minimum solubility in water (<10%)
- Density different by more than $\pm 10\%$ from H₂O (at operating condition)
- pH Neutral [6.5 - 7.5]
- Non-reactive with bleach? (Highly non-reactive)
- Minimal solvency of oil soil
- Carries enzymes and bleach without restricting their activity (redox potential >y) (enzyme 1/2 life >y)
- low vapor pressure > 7 1/2 at m.

EXHIBIT F

Project
HOPEMeeting Notes for
Non Aqueous Development Needs

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- 4 For initial patent work go with FI technology
 - └ Make a mixture (Solution will be multi-component
 - └ Decision Matrix for Evaluation
 - Define IWF
 - Co-Solvent or Detergent for IWF

4 We define inert as:

- Does no cleaning
- Fabric Stability

- └ The greatest Area of Concern/Potential is the recovery/rinse, separation, disposal.
 - ex. Rynex is misible with H2O so old gravity PERC cleaner is not usable!

PROPERTIES **EXHIBIT C**

CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND	INDUSTRIAL USE	WATER SOLUBILITY 100 GR WATER	TOXICOLOGY / HAZARDS	SURFACE TENSION	VAPOR PRESSURE E (mm)	VAPOR DENSITY	SOLVENCY	REACTIVITY	VISCOSITY	BOILING POINT (°C)	DENSITY @ 20°C	FLASH- POINT (°C)
ALCOHOLS	1,1,1,3,3,3-HEXAFLUORO-2-PROPANO-												
	1,6-HEPTADIEN-4-OL			COMBUSTIBLE							59.0	1.536	NONE
	1-CYCLOHEXYLTETRAHOL										151.9	0.864	39
	1-OCTADECANOL	Emulsifiers, Antifoams	INSOL.	IRRITANT							189.6	0.828	72
	1-TETROCANOL	Perfumes	INSOL.	COMB. IRRITANT		<0.01	9.3		OXIDIZERS		170.0		NONE
	1-UNDECANOL	SETTING AGENT IN TEXTILE	INSOL.	IRRITANT		0.14	4.5		ACIDS/OXID.		289.0	0.823	109
	2,3-DIMETHYL-2-BUTANOL		2.44	IRRITANT			7.4		OXIDIZERS		146.0	0.830	109
	2,4,4-TRIMETHYL-1-PROPANOL		3.50	COMBUSTIBLE		0.16	4.9		ACIDS/OXID.		121.0	0.823	29
	2,4-DIMETHYL-2,4-PENTANEDIOL			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		169.0	0.818	59
	2,6-DIMETHYL-4-HEPTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		98.0	0.920	98
	2,6-DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		178.0	0.809	68
	2-BUTENE-1,4-DIOL		6.00	IRRITANT					REACTIVE		175.0	0.944	54
	2-DECANOL	SOLVENTS, SURFACTANTS	INSOL.	IRRITANT					REACTIVE		211.5	1.076	109
	2-ETHOXYPHENOL	WETTING AGENT, ANTISTAT	INSOL.	IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		216.0	0.927	84
	2-ETHYL-1-HEXANOL	WETTING AGENT FOR DYES	72.00	IRRITANT		0.2	4.49		OXIDIZERS		183.0	0.830	77
	2-METHYL-1-BUTANOL	SOAPS	3.63	COMB. IRRITANT		3			OXIDIZERS		130.0	0.815	43
	2-METHYL-2-HEXANOL		0.10	COMBUSTIBLE				FATS	OXIDIZERS		141.0	0.821	40
	2-METHYL-3-HEXANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		141.0	0.821	40
	2-METHYL-3-PENTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		128.0	0.819	46
	2-METHYLCYCLOPENTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		169.0	0.820	47
	2-METHYLPHENETHYL ALCOHOL		INSOL.	COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		243.0	1.016	109
	2-NONANOL	OILS	INSOL.	IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		163.0	0.848	76
	2-OCTANOL	DISINFECTING SOAPS	0.10	IRRITANT			5.4		OXIDIZERS		155.0	0.840	84
	3,4-DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		218.0	0.937	101
	3,5,5-TRIMETHYL-1-HEXANOL			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		95.0	0.807	82
	3,7-DIMETHYL-1-OCTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		141.0	0.824	39
	3-CYCLOHEXYL-1-PROPANOL			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		61.0	0.817	58
	3-CYCLOPENTYL-1-PROPANOL			COMB. IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		151.0	0.823	58
	3-ETHYL-3-PENTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		140.0	0.846	43
	3-HEXEN-1-OL	PHARMACEUTICALS	1.00	COMB. HARM.					OXIDIZERS		131.0	0.831	40
	3-METHYL-1-PENTANOL			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		123.0	0.824	46
	3-METHYL-2-BUTENE-1-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		137.0	0.843	52
	3-METHYL-2-PENTANOL			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		174.0	0.819	65
	3-METHYL-3-PENTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		174.0	0.815	60
	3-NONEN-1-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		104.0	0.852	108
	3-OCTANOL	SOLVENTS	5.50	COMB. HARM.			4.5		OXIDIZERS		159.0	0.851	61
	4-CYCLOHEXYL-1-BUTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		160.0	0.821	51
	4-HEXEN-1-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		132.0	0.802	41
	4-METHYL-1-PENTANOL			COMB. IRRITANT		3.7	3.5		OXIDIZERS		59.0	0.827	54
	4-METHYL-2-PENTANOL			COMB. IRRITANT		3.7			OXIDIZERS		157.0	0.856	63
	4-METHYL-3-HEPTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		244.0	0.978	107
	4-METHYL-3-PENTEN-1-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		79.0	0.834	47
	4-METHYLPHENETHYL ALCOHOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		148.0	0.819	48
	5-HEXEN-1-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		171.0	0.803	87
	5-METHYL-2-HEXANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		76.0	0.844	67
	6-METHYL-2-HEPTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		123.0	0.921	21
	6-METHYL-5-HEPEN-2-OL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		213.0	0.932	92
	CYCLOBUTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		185.0	0.849	71
	CYCLOHEPTANEMETHANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		-08.0	0.975	86
	CYCLOOCTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS				

PROPERTIES

CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND	INDUSTRIAL USE	WATER SOLUBILITY (GR / 100 GR WATER)	TOXICOLOGY / HAZARDOUS	SURFACE TENSION	VAPOR PRESSURE (mm Hg)	VAPOR DENSITY	SOLVENCY REACTIVITY	VISCOSITY (cP)	BOILING POINT (°C)	DENSITY @ 20 °C	FLASH-POINT (°C)
	iso-PENTYL	MFG ARTIFICIAL SILK	2.00	HAZARDOUS				FATS / RESINS				
	iso-BUTYL	MFG FRUIT FLAVORS	10.00	HAZARDOUS				INT. WAXES				
	iso-HEPTYL	MFG OF DETERGENTS	7.90	HAZARDOUS				INT. WAXES				
	iso-HEXYL	MFG OF ANTISEPTICS	0.20	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	iso-OCYL	MFG OF PERFUMES	0.05	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	iso-PENTYL	MFG OF PERFUMES	0.05	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	NONOXOL	WETTING AGENTS	2.30	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	iso-BUTYL	WETTING AGENTS	11.30	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	TERPENE-4-OL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	iso-PENTYL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	24-NONADIENAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	2-ETHYLHEXANAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	2-METHYLUNDECANAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	2-NONENAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	2-PHENYLPROPIONALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	3-METHYL-2-BUTENAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	BENZALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CAPRALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLOOCTANECARBOXALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	HEPTALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	ISOBUTYRALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	NEOTHEONE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	n-BUTYRALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	n-VALERALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	NONYL ALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	PHENYLACETALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	PROPIONALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	TETRADECYL ALDEHYDE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	TRIDECANAL	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	11-DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	12-DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	BUTYLCYCLOHEXANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLODOECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLODOECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLOHEPTANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLOHEXANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
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	2,2,4,6,8-HEPTAMETHYLNONANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	CYCLOCOCTANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	DECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	DODECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	DODECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	ETHYLCYCLOPENTANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	HEPTADECANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	HEPTANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				
	HEXANE	WETTING AGENTS	12.50	HAZARDOUS				FATS				

PROPERTIES

CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND	INDUSTRIAL USE	WATER SOLUBILITY 100 GR WATER	TOXICOLOGY / HAZARDS	SURFACE TENSION	VAPOR PRESSURE E (mm)	VAPOR DENSITY	SOLVENCY	REACTIVITY	VISCOSITY	BOILING POINT (°C)	DENSITY @ 20 °C	FLASH-POINT (°C)
ALKENES	ISOCHEXANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	OXIDIZERS	0.654	60.0	0.654	-12
	ISOPENTANE	THINNERS	INSOL	IRRITANT	24	24	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	METHYLPENTANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	24	24	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	NEOPENTANE	THINNERS	INSOL	IRRITANT	41	41	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	NONANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	OCTADECANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	PENTANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	TRIDECAENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	UNDECANE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-DECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
ALKENES	1-HEPTADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-HEPTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-HEXADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-HEXENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-NONENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-OCTADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
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	1-PENTADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-PENTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-TETRADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
ALKENES	1-TRIDECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-UNDECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2,3-DIMETHYL-2-BUTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-BENZYL-5-NORCORNENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-METHYL-1-UNDECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-METHYL-2-BUTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-NONENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-PENTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	3-NONENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	4-NONENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
ALKENES	7-TETRADECENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	8-TERPINENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	CYCLOOCTENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	G-TERPINENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	KEROSENE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1-DODECYNE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	DIETHYL-PROPIONAMIDE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	DIETHYL-PROPIONAMIDE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	PROPIONAMIDE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	STEARAMIDE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
AMIDES	ACETONITRILE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	1,3-CYCLO-EXANEDIMETHYLAMINE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-CYCLO-EXANEDIMETHYLAMINE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	2-FLUOROPHENETHYLAMINE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
	DIETHYL-DOECANEDIOATE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21
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	DIETHYL-DOECANEDIOATE	THINNERS	INSOL	FLAMMABLE	10	10	2	2	FLAMMABLE	0.610	28.9	0.610	21

PROPERTIES

CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND	INDUSTRIAL USE	WATER SOLUBILITY 100 GR WATER	TOXICOLOGY / HAZARDS	SURFACE TENSION	VAPOR PRESSURE E (mm)	VAPOR DENSITY	SOLVENCY	REACTIVITY	VISCOSITY	BOILING POINT (°C)	DENSITY (@ 20 °C)	FLASH-POINT (°C)
	DIMETHYL SUCCINATE		INSOL	IRRITANT					ACID BASE OXID		217.7	1.047	50
	DIMETHYL 3-HYDROXYGLUTARATE			NA					OXIDIZERS		130.0	1.132	100
	DIMETHYL 3-ETHYLMALONATE			IR					ACID BASE OXID		130.0	1.095	89
	DIMETHYL MALONATE			IR					ACID BASE OXID		130.0	1.058	89
	DIMETHYL METHYLSUCCINATE			COMBUSTIBLE					ACID BASE OXID		130.0	1.078	83
	ETHYL CAPRYLATE			IRRITANT					ACID BASE OXID		245.0	0.862	102
	ETHYL PENTAFLUOROPROPIONATE			IRR: COMB		0.2			ACID BASE OXID		205.0	0.878	74
	ETHYL UNDECYLENATE			IRR: FLAM					OXIDIZERS		75.3	1.298	1
	1,1-DITRISODIENE			HAZARDOUS					OXIDIZERS		131.0	0.848	103
	1,3-CYCLOHEXADIENE					0.8			OXIDIZERS		83.2	0.810	46
	1,3-CYCLOPENTADIENE					9.75			OXIDIZERS		45.0	0.774	26
	1,4-CYCLOHEXADIENE					0.7			OXIDIZERS		80.5	0.840	51
	1,5-CYCLOHEXADIENE								OXIDIZERS		80.5	0.840	51
	1,5-CYCLOOCTADIENE			IRRITANT		25.0			OXIDIZERS		150.3	0.880	31
	1,5-DIMETHYL-1,5-CYCLOOCTADIENE			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		74.0	0.867	55
	1,8-DIADENE			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		141.2	0.740	20
	1,9-DECAENE			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		169.0	0.750	41
	METHYLHEPTAFLUOROBUTYRATE			IRRITANT					OXIDIZERS		81.0	1.027	109
	4-DIBASIC ESTER			COMBUSTIBLE		0.3			ACID BASE OXID		200.0	1.117	84
	5-DIBASIC ESTER			COMBUSTIBLE		0.3			ACID BASE OXID		200.0	1.117	84
	DIETHYL ESTER			PHALANT		7.97			OXIDIZERS		93.0	1.387	107
	ETHYL CAPRYLATE			COMB: IRR		1			OXIDIZERS		239.0	1.116	156
	ETHYL FORMATE			FLAMMABLE		56			OXIDIZERS		168.0	0.923	48
	ETHYL UNDECANOATE			NA					OXIDIZERS		52.0	0.817	10
	METHYL 2-TRIMETHYLSILYL-2-HEPTANOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		78.0	0.959	105
	METHYL 2-IONYNOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		121.0	0.915	109
	METHYL CAPRYLATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		131.0	0.905	109
	METHYL CAPRYLATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		131.0	0.905	109
	METHYL CYCLOHEXYLACETATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		194.0	0.977	72
	METHYL DECAOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		201.0	0.991	74
	METHYL DODECAOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		108.0	0.873	94
	METHYL NONYNOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		108.0	0.873	94
	METHYL PHENYLACETATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		243.0	0.975	84
	METHYL TRIDECANOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		243.0	1.119	109
	METHYL UNDECANOATE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		131.0	0.884	109
	2,2,2-TRIFLUOROETHYL ETHER			FLAMMABLE					OXIDIZERS		134.0	0.872	109
	2-HYDROXYETHYL ETHER			FLAMMABLE					OXIDIZERS		62.0	1.406	1
	ALLYL PHENYL ETHER			FLAMMABLE					OXIDIZERS		245.0	1.119	143
	ANISOLE			COMBUSTIBLE		0.01			OXIDIZERS		152.0	0.978	62
	DI(ETHYL FINE GLYCOL)DIETHYL ETHER			COMBUSTIBLE		10			OXIDIZERS		54.0	0.995	91
	ETHYL PENTANOATE			IR		0.5			OXIDIZERS		160.0	0.909	71
	ETHYL PHENYL ETHER			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		168.0	0.958	96
	HEXAFLUORO DIETHYL ETHER			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		170.0	0.965	57
	HEXYL ETHER			IR: COMB					OXIDIZERS		51.9	1.410	NOHE
	ISOPROPYL ETHER			FLAMMABLE					OXIDIZERS		238.0	0.709	78
	PENTYL ETHER			COMBUSTIBLE		120			OXIDIZERS		99.0	0.725	12
	PROPYL ETHER			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		187.0	0.785	57
	1-FLUOROPENTANE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		31.0	0.789	12
	2,2-DIMETHYL-5,5,7,7,8,8-HEPTAFLUORO-3-OCTANEDIONE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		47.0	1.273	38
	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-TETRAFLUORO-1-BUTANOL			FLAMMABLE					OXIDIZERS		96.0	1.600	24
	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-TETRAFLUORO-2-BUTANEDIONE			IR					OXIDIZERS		163.0	0.815	109
	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-TETRAFLUORO-3-BUTANEDIONE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		148.0	1.191	54
	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-TETRAFLUORO-1-BUTANOL			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		114.0	1.157	51
	2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8-TETRAFLUORO-3-OCTANEDIONE			COMBUSTIBLE					OXIDIZERS		148.0	1.273	58

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CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND	INDUSTRIAL USE	WATER SOLUBILITIES (GR / 100 GR WATER)	TOXICOLOGY / HAZARDS	SURFACE TENSION	VAPOR PRESSURE (mm)	VAPOR DENSITY	SOLVENCY	REACTIVITY	VISCOSITY (cP)	BOILING POINT (°C)	DENSITY @ 20 °C	FLASH-POINT (°C)
	CYCLOPROPYL 4-FLUOROPHENYL KETONE								OXIDIZES		120.0	1.144	59
	CYCLOPROPYL PHENYL KETONE						5		OXIDIZES		123.0	1.059	52
	HEXAFLUOROACETYL KETONE								OXIDIZES		71.0	1.470	NONE
	METHYL ISOBUTYL KETONE		181	HAZARDOUS		15	3.5		STABLE		117.0	0.801	13
	OC ANOPHENONE			HAZARDOUS					OXIDIZES		285.0	0.938	109
NAPHTHENES	CYCLOHEXANE			HAZARDOUS		77	2.9		OXIDIZES		81.0	0.779	-77
CYCLOALKANES	CYCLOPENTANE			HAZARDOUS		21.4	2		OXIDIZES		50.0	0.751	1
	METHYLCYCLOHEXANE			FLAMMABLE		37	3.4		OXIDIZES		131.0	0.770	-3
	1,2-DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANE			FLAMMABLE		31	3.5		OXIDIZES		124.0	0.728	15
TERPENES	CITRONELLO			HAZARDOUS		0.02	5.4		OXIDIZES		222.0	0.851	98
	ISOPRENE			TOXIC		33	2.35		V REACTIVE		34.0	0.681	18
	TERPENE		INSOL	TOXIC		0.8	4.7		AB		173.0	0.837	46
UNSATURATED	WATER		INF	NONE		23.7					160.0	1.009	374
	PERCHLOROETHYLENE			TOXIC		13	5.83		PASS		121.0	1.523	NONE

EXHIBIT H



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Summary

The purpose of this investigation is to discover a water replacement as well as a cleaning agent that can be used in a non-aqueous wash process. Table 1 displays a list of the variety of fluids from different chemical families that were tested. These include alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters, fluorocarbons, ketones, terpenes, and microemulsions. The fluids were evaluated based on the wash performance on selected swatches. A matrix of the fluids and the observations from each test can be found in Table 2. Figures 2-4 show the wash performance of the various fluids. The numerical results of the tests can be found in Tables 3-4.

From the observations and testing generated so far, the fluorinated compounds are likely candidates for a water replacement. However, the compounds have demonstrated inferior deterative performance to Tide. Neat solutions which are ones that are only composed of one chemical compound are not necessarily the way to go. Because of the complexity of different types of stains and soils, a cosolvent or multicomponent mixture containing an inert working fluid will most likely be needed in the non-aqueous cleaning process to achieve all fabric care.

Background

Environmental and health concerns have increased regarding chlorinated solvents such as perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, methylene chloride, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. In 1987, the *Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer* was signed to protect the stratospheric ozone layer. The treaty specifies that the production and consumption of chlorofluorocarbons, halons, and carbon tetrachloride are to be phased out by the year 2000. Scientific evidence suggests that these compounds deplete the ozone layer that shields the planet from damaging UV-B radiation. Therefore, new non-ozone depleting, nontoxic, and low global warming potential cleaning agents that work as well as the chlorinated solvents if not better have been the focus of research in the cleaning industry.

In the dry cleaning industry, perchloroethylene is used as the preferred solvent for delicate fabrics. Research has been centered on finding better recovery systems for this fluid so that it doesn't leak into the atmosphere as well as searching for alternative chemistries that can be used in the dry cleaning system. For example, prototype CO₂ dry-cleaning processes have been documented. New solvents that are discovered for washing garments could also be used in wash systems for the home.

The ultimate goal of the non-aqueous wash project is the "perfect care of all fabrics requiring no time and effort." Therefore, many different types of fabrics were used in the testing of the deterative properties of the fluids. The swatches used include AS-9 Cotton, PC-9 Blend, Clay, Wool, Silk, Nylon, and Rayon. Most of the testing was done on the AS-9 Cotton since only a limited amount of certain fluids was available. AS-9

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is a cotton swatch that is soiled with pigment oil. PC-9 is a polyester/cotton blend that is also soiled with pigment oil. The Clay is a cotton swatch that is soiled with a bandy black research clay. The Wool, Silk, Nylon, and Rayon are swatches that are soiled with dust sebum. Testing the deterative properties of the fluids on these various swatches will help evaluate the vision of the non-aqueous wash project. However, the remaining portion of the report will focus mostly on differences seen using AS-9.

The purpose of this investigation is to identify chemistries that can be used in the non-aqueous wash process for home use. The non-aqueous wash process is washing without water. Water can cause swelling of the fibers within the fabric and damage the garment. The discovery of a water replacement as well as a cleaning agent is the focus of the investigation. A variety of fluids from different chemical families were tested. These include alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters, fluorocarbons, ketones, terpenes, and microemulsions. These fluids were picked based on safety reasons as well as on information obtained from scientific literature. Most of the fluids have a relatively high flash point which is the lowest temperature at which vapors above a volatile combustible substance ignite in air when exposed to flame. Some of the fluids like the hydrofluorocarbons have already been used in the metal cleaning industry. Compounds with a low vapor pressure, low viscosity, or a low surface tension were also considered. Benefits of these characteristics are as follow; a low vapor pressure fluid dries quickly. A low viscosity and a low surface tension fluid can speed up the wetting of the fabric during the wash process and may promote particulate soil removal. A list of the various compounds along with the chemical families to which they belong is in Table 1.

Test Setup

In this test, there were basically two methods used to find the deterative properties of the fluids. The first test involved using a tergotometer which models a washing machine. The tergotometer has a vertical axis that twists clockwise and counterclockwise and was set to agitate at 100 spins per minute. The containers of the tergotometer were sealed by screws around the perimeter of the cover, and reflux condensers were placed in a hole on the cover to condense any vapors from the fluids. Five swatches were agitated in one liter of fluid in the machine for five minutes.

The second test was done in beakers. Some of the fluids could only be ordered in quantities smaller than the volume of the tergotometer. Since this was the case, some fluids were tested in beakers with swatches washed one at a time under a fume hood. The swatches were stirred in the beakers in a way similar to the rotation of the tergotometer axis for five minutes. The detailed procedure of the test method is located in Figure 1.

Results

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All results are reported in Delta Y values and are compared to the baseline value obtained from testing with Tide. As a rule of thumb, a Delta Y value of three or greater can usually be visible. Besides washability, other observations include drying times, odors, and fabric damage as noted. A matrix of the fluids and the observations from each test can be found in Table 2. The numerical results of the tests can be found in Tables 3-4.

Washability

Fluorinert was the only compound besides Tide that was tested with all seven types of swatches. It is a fluorinated compound produced by 3M. Fluorinert performs inferior to Tide. Figure 2 compares these two fluids in their washing capabilities.

Most of the testing was done on the AS-9 Cotton swatches since most fluids were not available in substantial amounts. Figure 3 shows the Delta Y values of the tergotometer test with the fluids grouped according to their respective chemical families. With this method, the fluids that performed the closest to Tide were the Inverts. Inverts are microemulsions developed by Dow that are 50% water and 50% solvents and surfactants. All other fluids tested with this method did not perform up to Tide's standards. The alcohol, ether, ketones, one of the carboxylic acids, and one of the fluorinated compounds performed similar in their Delta Y values to each other. Triton X-100 caused a negative Delta Y value. This might be due to residues or splotches left on the swatch after a significantly long drying period.

Due to insufficient volumes of fluid, a beaker test was used to evaluate AS-9 swatches. Of the fluids tested in this manner, only Tarksol, an aqueous degreaser from Terpene Technologies, with a water rinse performed similar to Tide. All other fluids tested performed inferior to Tide. The terpenes had varying ability to clean fabrics. The fluorinated compounds performed inferior to the esters, terpenes, and one of the carboxylic acids. The other carboxylic acid, diethyl dodecanedioate, resulted in a negative Delta Y value. Again, this might be due to residues or splotches left on the swatch. Perhaps a solvent rinse or increased temperatures would speed up the drying process and not leave residues on the swatches. The results are shown in Figure 4.

Drying Times

Drying times are also an important observation from these tests. The swatches were mostly hung dry in the fume hood with the exception of the Tide and Fluorinert which were laid flat to dry. Quick drying times can mean faster laundry cycle times for the consumer as well as less energy used. The ability to dry quickly can somewhat be attributed to a physical property of the fluid called vapor pressure. A fluid with a low vapor pressure has the ability to evaporate quickly and efficiently, causing the fabric to dry almost immediately after the wash. The compounds with this property are the fluorocarbons. Some other fluids

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like 2-pentanone and α -terpinene dry relatively quickly as well when compared to water. The remaining fluids require drying times from two hours to two days. Figure 5 shows a spectrum of these drying times.

Fabric Damage

Because any damage to the garment caused by washing with solvents would not be beneficial to the consumer, a preliminary fabric damage assessment is necessary. Indications of fabric damage include fraying at the edges of the swatch and no retention of the texture of the fabric. With respect to the swatches washed in Fluorinert, there doesn't appear to be any fabric damage, not even to wool. Tide caused substantial fraying of the wool swatches. As to the AS-9 cotton swatches, none of them seem to be damaged from a visual inspection.

Odors

Many of the fluids have different odors associated with them. The various smells might have to be masked by perfumes or other agents during the wash process. One group without any odors are the fluorocarbons. Most of the fluids emit bad odors, but some of them exhibit a fruity smell. These include the terpenes such as the Inverts and the Invert Detergents, which are produced from natural products like citrus and pine oils.

Conclusion

From the observations and testing generated so far, the fluorinated compounds are likely candidates for a water replacement. They can be considered good inert working fluids which are ones that show little or no detergent properties and do not cause swelling of the fibers in the fabric. They are non-reactive with any chemicals or with the garment. With the limited number of tests performed, the compounds have demonstrated inferior detergent performance to Tide. Neat solutions which are ones that are only composed of one chemical compound are not necessarily the way to go. Because of the complexity of different types of stains and soils, a cosolvent or multicomponent mixture containing an inert working fluid will most likely be needed in the non-aqueous cleaning process to achieve all fabric care.

There are many other experiments that are needed to fully evaluate a fluid for use in the non-aqueous wash process. Some further testing such as surface tension, dimensional stability of the swatch, and the solvency of the fluid can provide more insight into the potential for a home non-aqueous wash system.

Figure 1

Test Methods

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Deterstive Evaluation: Two types of tests were used in determining the deterstive properties of the fluids. Test I was done in the tergotometer while Test II was done in beakers. The swatches used include AS-9 Cotton, PC-9 Blend, Clay, Wool, Silk, Nylon, Rayon, and CS-4 Oily.

Tergotometer Test (for Tide)

1. Read 5 swatches of one type on the colorimeter.
2. Add 1L of water at a given temperature and 4 ml of Tide into a tergotometer container.
3. Place the 5 swatches into the container.
4. Agitate for 5 minutes at 100 spm.
5. Rinse the swatches in 70°F water for 5 minutes.
6. Remove the swatches and air dry.
7. Read swatches on the colorimeter.
8. Repeat the procedure 2 more times at the given temperature.
9. Repeat the procedure at three temperatures: 70°F, 100°F, and 140°F

Tergotometer Test (for other non-aqueous fluids)

1. Read 5 swatches of one type on the colorimeter.
2. Add 1L of fluid into a tergotometer container.
3. Place the 5 swatches into the container.
4. Agitate for 5 minutes at 100 spm and at 70°F.
5. Remove the swatches and hang dry in the fume hood.
6. Read swatches on the colorimeter.
7. Repeat the procedure 2 more times if enough fluid.

Beaker Test

1. Read 5 swatches of one type on the colorimeter.
2. Add 50 ml of fluid into a beaker.
3. Place 1 swatch into the beaker.
4. Stir with a stirring rod for 5 minutes.
5. Remove the swatch and hang dry in the fume hood.
6. Repeat the procedure 4 more times.
7. Read the swatches on the colorimeter.